

## On the Mean Square of the Product of $\zeta(s)$ and a Dirichlet Polynomial

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### 1. Introduction and statement of results

Let  $s = \sigma + it$  be a complex variable,  $\zeta(s)$  the Riemann zeta-function, and

$$A(s) = \sum_{m \leq M} a(m)m^{-s}$$

be a Dirichlet polynomial, where  $M \geq 1$  and  $a(m)$ 's are complex coefficients satisfying

$$a(m) = O(m^\varepsilon) \quad (1.1)$$

for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ . (In what follows,  $\varepsilon$  is always a small positive number, not necessarily the same at each occurrence.) The mean value

$$I(T, A) = \int_0^T \left| \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) A\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) \right|^2 dt \quad (T \geq 2)$$

has been studied by several mathematicians. Iwaniec [4] obtained an upper bound of  $I(T, A)$ , and then, Balasubramanian, Conrey and Heath-Brown [1] established the asymptotic formula

$$I(T, A) = \sum_{k \leq M} \sum_{\ell \leq M} \frac{a(k)\overline{a(\ell)}}{[k, \ell]} \left( \log \frac{(k, \ell)^2 T}{2\pi k \ell} + 2\gamma - 1 \right) T + E(T, A) \quad (1.2)$$

under the assumption  $\log M \ll \log T$  (the symbol  $f \ll g$  means  $f = O(g)$ ), where  $(k, \ell)$  is the greatest common divisor of  $k$  and  $\ell$ ,  $[k, \ell] = k\ell/(k, \ell)$  is the least common multiple of  $k$  and  $\ell$ ,  $\overline{a(\ell)}$  is the complex conjugate of  $a(\ell)$ ,  $\gamma$  is Euler's constant, and  $E(T, A)$  is the error term satisfying

$$E(T, A) \ll M^2 T^\varepsilon + T(\log T)^{-B} \quad (\text{for } \log M \ll \log T) \quad (1.3)$$

for any  $B > 0$ , where the implied constant depends on  $B$  and  $\varepsilon$ . They also gave several sharper estimates of  $E(T, A)$  under further assumptions, and mentioned an application to the distribution of zeros of  $\zeta(s)$ . Their condition  $\log M \ll \log T$  for (1.3) is actually not necessary (see the remark at the end of this section).

Motohashi [8] stated a different type of estimate, that is

$$E(T, A) \ll M^{4/3} T^{1/3+\varepsilon}, \quad (1.4)$$

with a brief sketch of the proof. His proof, different from that of [1], is a variant of Atkinson's method. Actually his argument is valid only for the integral from  $-T$  to  $T$ , hence his claim should be understood as

$$\tilde{E}(T, A) \ll M^{4/3} T^{1/3+\varepsilon} \quad (\text{for } M \ll T^{1/2}(\log T)^{-3/4}), \quad (1.5)$$

where  $\tilde{E}(T, A)$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \int_{-T}^T \left| \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) A\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) \right|^2 dt \\ &= \sum_{k \leq M} \sum_{\ell \leq M} \frac{a(k)\overline{a(\ell)}}{[k, \ell]} \left( \log \frac{(k, \ell)^2 T}{2\pi k \ell} + 2\gamma - 1 \right) T + \tilde{E}(T, A). \end{aligned} \quad (1.6)$$

The left-hand side of (1.6) coincides with  $I(T, A)$  if  $a(m)$ 's are real, but it is not true in general. Note that the condition  $M \ll T^{1/2}(\log T)^{-3/4}$  is necessary, though Motohashi did not state it, because in the proof he used a parameter  $G$  which satisfies  $G \leq T(\log T)^{-1}$ , and at the last stage of the proof he chose  $G = M^{4/3} T^{1/3}$ .

The aim of the present paper is to develop another approach to this problem. Let  $A_0$  be a sufficiently large positive number,  $L = A_0(\log T)^{1/2}$ , and  $\mu, \rho$  be non-negative numbers satisfying  $\rho < 1, \mu + \rho > 0$ . We assume

$$L \leq M^\mu T^\rho \leq \frac{T}{A_0 L}. \quad (1.7)$$

We shall prove

**THEOREM 1.** *For any  $M \geq 1$  and  $T \geq 2$  satisfying (1.7), we have*

$$E(T, A) \ll M^{2-\mu/2} T^{1/2-\rho/2+\varepsilon} + M^\mu T^{\rho+\varepsilon}. \quad (1.8)$$

In particular, replacing  $\varepsilon$  on the right-hand side of (1.8) by  $\varepsilon/2$ , and taking  $\mu = 0, \rho = 1 - \varepsilon$ , we obtain

**COROLLARY 1.** *For any  $M \geq 1$  and  $T \geq 2$ , we have*

$$E(T, A) \ll M^2 T^\varepsilon + T^{1-\varepsilon/2}. \quad (1.9)$$

This gives a slight improvement of the estimate (1.3) of Balasubramanian, Conrey and Heath-Brown [1]. On the other hand, if  $M \ll T^{1/2}(\log T)^{-3/8}$ , we can choose  $\mu = 4/3, \rho = 1/3$  to obtain the following corollary, which recovers Motohashi's claim.

**COROLLARY 2.** *Under the condition  $M \ll T^{1/2}(\log T)^{-3/8}$ , we have*

$$E(T, A) \ll M^{4/3} T^{1/3+\varepsilon}. \quad (1.10)$$

Our proof of the above theorem is an analogue of the argument developed in Katsurada and Matsumoto [5]. Therefore it is also a variant of Atkinson's method, and can be regarded as a generalization of the argument described in Section 2.7 of Ivić [3]. By the same method we can treat the case  $1/2 < \sigma < 1$ . In this case, the integral

$$I_\sigma(T, A) = \int_0^T |\zeta(\sigma + it) A(\sigma + it)|^2 dt$$

satisfies the asymptotic formula of the form

$$\begin{aligned} I_\sigma(T, A) &= \sum_{k \leq M} \sum_{\ell \leq M} \frac{a(k)\overline{a(\ell)}}{[k, \ell]^{2\sigma}} \zeta(2\sigma) T \\ &\quad + \sum_{k \leq M} \sum_{\ell \leq M} \frac{a(k)\overline{a(\ell)}}{k\ell} (k, \ell)^{2-2\sigma} (2\pi)^{2\sigma-1} \frac{\zeta(2-2\sigma)}{2-2\sigma} T^{2-2\sigma} \\ &\quad + E_\sigma(T, A), \end{aligned} \quad (1.11)$$

where  $E_\sigma(T, A)$  is the error term. We can estimate this term as follows:

**THEOREM 2.** *If  $\rho < (4\sigma - 1)^{-1}$ , then for any  $M \geq 1$  and  $T \geq 2$  satisfying (1.7), we have*

$$E_\sigma(T, A) \ll M^{2-(1-\rho)^{-1}\mu f(\sigma, \rho)} T^{f(\sigma, \rho)+\varepsilon} + M^\mu T^{\rho+\varepsilon} \quad (1.12)$$

for  $1/2 < \sigma < 1$ , where  $f(\sigma, \rho) = \rho\left(\frac{1}{2} - 2\sigma\right) + \frac{1}{2}$ .

**REMARK 1.** The assumption  $\rho < (4\sigma - 1)^{-1}$  implies  $f(\sigma, \rho) > 0$ .

The estimates corresponding to Corollaries 1 and 2 can be stated as

$$E_\sigma(T, A) \ll M^2 T^\varepsilon + T^{1/(4\sigma-1)-\varepsilon} \quad (1.13)$$

(under the choice  $\mu = 0$ ,  $\rho = 1/(4\sigma - 1) - \varepsilon$ ) and

$$E_\sigma(T, A) \ll M^{8\sigma/(1+4\sigma)} T^{1/(1+4\sigma)+\varepsilon} \quad (\text{for } M \ll T^{1/2} L^{-1/2-1/8\sigma}) \quad (1.14)$$

(under the choice  $\mu = 8\sigma/(1+4\sigma)$ ,  $\rho = 1/(1+4\sigma)$ ) for  $1/2 < \sigma < 1$ . The asymptotic formula (1.11) with estimate (1.14) is clearly a generalization of Theorem 1 of the author [7].

**REMARK 2.** Here we show that Theorems 1 and 2 are trivial if

$$M \gg T^b \quad (1.15)$$

with a sufficiently large positive constant  $b$ . In fact, since

$$\zeta(\sigma + it) A(\sigma + it) \ll M^{1-\sigma+\varepsilon} (|t| + 1)^{(1-\sigma)/3} \quad (1/2 \leq \sigma < 1), \quad (1.16)$$

we have  $I(T, A) \ll M^{1+\varepsilon} T^{4/3}$  and  $I_\sigma(T, A) \ll M^{2-2\sigma+\varepsilon} T^{2(1-\sigma)/3+1}$ . In case  $\sigma = 1/2$ , by using (3.9) below, we see that the first term on the right-hand side of (1.2) is  $O(M^\varepsilon T \log T)$ . Hence trivially

$$E(T, A) \ll M^{1+\varepsilon} T^{4/3} + M^\varepsilon T \log T \ll M^{1+4/3b+\varepsilon},$$

which is clearly superseded by the right-hand side of (1.8) if  $b$  is sufficiently large. Similarly, in case  $1/2 < \sigma < 1$ , since the first and the second terms on the right-hand side of (1.11) are  $O(T + M^\varepsilon T^{2-2\sigma})$ , we have

$$E_\sigma(T, A) \ll M^{2-2\sigma+b^{-1}(2(1-\sigma)/3+1)+\varepsilon}. \quad (1.17)$$

Noting  $(1 - \rho)^{-1} f(\sigma, \rho) < 1$ , we see that (1.17) implies (1.12) for sufficiently large  $b$ .

## 2. The weighted local integral

Now we begin the proof of Theorems 1 and 2. Let  $\Delta$  be a parameter satisfying

$$L \leq \Delta \leq \frac{T}{A_0 L}. \quad (2.1)$$

Moreover, in view of Remark 2 in Section 1, we may assume

$$M \leq T^b. \quad (2.2)$$

Let  $u, v$  be complex variables, and at first assume  $\Re u > 1, \Re v > 1$ . Consider

$$I(u, v; \Delta, A) = \frac{1}{\Delta\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \zeta(u+iy)\zeta(v-iy)A(u+iy)\bar{A}(v-iy)e^{-(y/\Delta)^2} dy, \quad (2.3)$$

where  $\bar{A}(s) = \sum_{m \leq M} \overline{a(m)} m^{-s}$ . Substituting the Dirichlet series expressions, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I(u, v; \Delta, A) &= \frac{1}{\Delta\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} r^{-u-iy} \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} s^{-v+iy} \sum_{k \leq M} a(k) k^{-u-iy} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{\ell \leq M} \overline{a(\ell)} \ell^{-v+iy} e^{-(y/\Delta)^2} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{\Delta\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k|m} a(k) \right) m^{-u-iy} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{\ell|n} \overline{a(\ell)} \right) n^{-v+iy} e^{-(y/\Delta)^2} dy. \end{aligned}$$

The part corresponding to  $m = n$  is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{\Delta\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k|m} a(k) \right) \left( \sum_{\ell|m} \overline{a(\ell)} \right) m^{-u-v} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(y/\Delta)^2} dy \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k|m} a(k) \right) \left( \sum_{\ell|m} \overline{a(\ell)} \right) m^{-u-v} \\ &= \sum_{k \leq M} \sum_{\ell \leq M} a(k) \overline{a(\ell)} \sum_{m \equiv 0 \pmod{[k, \ell]}} m^{-u-v} \\ &= \zeta(u+v) \sum_{k \leq M} \sum_{\ell \leq M} \frac{a(k) \overline{a(\ell)}}{[k, \ell]^{u+v}}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$I(u, v; \Delta, A) = \zeta(u+v) \sum_{k \leq M} \sum_{\ell \leq M} \frac{a(k) \overline{a(\ell)}}{[k, \ell]^{u+v}} + I_1(u, v; \Delta, A) + \overline{I_1(\bar{v}, \bar{u}; \Delta, A)}, \quad (2.4)$$

where

$$I_1(u, v; \Delta, A) = \frac{1}{\Delta\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{m < n} \left( \sum_{k|m} a(k) \right) \left( \sum_{\ell|n} \overline{a(\ell)} \right) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} m^{-u-iy} n^{-v+iy} e^{-(y/\Delta)^2} dy.$$

Using the formula

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(At - Bt^2) dt = \left(\frac{\pi}{B}\right)^{1/2} \exp\left(\frac{A^2}{4B}\right) \quad (\Re B > 0)$$

(see (A.38) of [2]), and then putting  $m = km_1$  and  $n = km_1 + n_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_1(u, v; \Delta, A) &= \sum_{m < n} \sum_{k|m} \left( \sum_{\ell|n} a(k) \right) \left( \sum_{\ell|n} \overline{a(\ell)} \right) m^{-u} n^{-v} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4} \Delta^2 \log^2\left(\frac{n}{m}\right)\right) \\ &= \sum_{k \leq M} a(k) \sum_{m_1=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n_1=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{\ell|(km_1+n_1)} \overline{a(\ell)} \right) (km_1)^{-u} (km_1 + n_1)^{-v} \\ &\quad \times \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4} \Delta^2 \log^2\left(1 + \frac{n_1}{km_1}\right)\right) \\ &= \sum_{k \leq M} a(k) k^{-u} \sum_{\ell \leq M} \overline{a(\ell)} \sum_{m_1=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n_1=1}^{\infty} m_1^{-u} (km_1 + n_1)^{-v} \\ &\quad \times \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4} \Delta^2 \log^2\left(1 + \frac{n_1}{km_1}\right)\right) \ell^{-1} \sum_{f=1}^{\ell} \exp\left(2\pi i \frac{(km_1 + n_1)f}{\ell}\right), \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

because the innermost sum is

$$= \begin{cases} \ell & \text{if } \ell|(km_1 + n_1), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let

$$M(s, v; \Delta) = \frac{\Gamma(s)}{\Delta \sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(v + iy - s)}{\Gamma(v + iy)} e^{-(y/\Delta)^2} dy \quad (2.6)$$

for  $\Re v > \Re s > 0$ . In Section 5.2 of [3], Ivić proved the following properties of  $M(s, v; \Delta)$ .

LEMMA 1. (i)  $M(s, v; \Delta)$  can be continued to the whole space  $\mathbb{C}^2$ , entire in  $v$ , and meromorphic in  $s$ . The poles with respect to  $s$  are only on  $s = 0, -1, -2, \dots$

(ii) For  $\Re s > 0$  and any  $v$ , we have

$$M(s, v; \Delta) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{s-1} (1+x)^{-v} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4} \Delta^2 \log^2(1+x)\right) dx. \quad (2.7)$$

(iii) For any fixed  $c > 0$ , we have  $M(s, v; \Delta) \ll (1+|s|)^{-c}$  as  $|\Im s| \rightarrow \infty$ , uniformly for bounded  $v$  and bounded  $\Re s$ .

(iv) If  $\Re v > \alpha > 0$  and  $x > 0$ , then

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(\alpha)} M(s, v; \Delta) x^{-s} ds = (1+x)^{-v} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4} \Delta^2 \log^2(1+x)\right), \quad (2.8)$$

where the path of integration is the vertical line  $\Re s = \alpha$ .

From (2.5) and Lemma 1(iv) we have

$$I_1(u, v; \Delta, A) = \sum_{k \leq M} a(k) k^{-u} \sum_{\ell \leq M} \overline{a(\ell)} \ell^{-1} \sum_{f=1}^{\ell} \sum_{m_1=1}^{\infty} \exp\left(2\pi i \frac{km_1 f}{\ell}\right) m_1^{-u} \\ \times \sum_{n_1=1}^{\infty} \exp\left(2\pi i \frac{n_1 f}{\ell}\right) (km_1)^{-v} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(\alpha)} M(s, v; \Delta) \left(\frac{n_1}{km_1}\right)^{-s} ds,$$

where  $1 < \alpha < \Re v$ . Summation and integration can be interchanged because of absolute convergence, hence

$$I_1(u, v; \Delta, A) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(\alpha)} \sum_{k \leq M} a(k) k^{-u-v+s} \sum_{\ell \leq M} \overline{a(\ell)} \ell^{-1} \\ \times \sum_{f=1}^{\ell} \varphi\left(u+v-s, \frac{kf}{\ell}\right) \varphi\left(s, \frac{f}{\ell}\right) M(s, v; \Delta) ds \quad (2.9)$$

for  $\Re u > 1, \Re v > \alpha$ , where

$$\varphi(s, x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \exp(2\pi i n x) n^{-s} \quad (2.10)$$

is the Lerch zeta-function with the real parameter  $x$ . If  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $\varphi(s, x) = \zeta(s)$ , while if  $x \notin \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $\varphi(s, x)$  is entire in  $s$ . Moreover, if  $0 < x < 1$ ,  $\varphi(s, x)$  satisfies the functional equation

$$\varphi(s, x) = (2\pi)^{s-1} \Gamma(1-s) \left\{ e\left(\frac{1-s}{4} - x\right) \zeta(1-s, x) \right. \\ \left. + e\left(-\frac{1-s}{4} - x\right) \zeta(1-s, 1-x) \right\}, \quad (2.11)$$

where  $\zeta(s, x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+x)^{-s}$  is the Hurwitz zeta-function (see Chapter 2 of Laurinćikas and Garunkštis [6]), and  $e(x) = \exp(2\pi i x)$ .

Let  $\beta > \max\{2, \alpha\}$ , and assume  $\Re(u+v) < \beta$ . We shift the path of integration on the right-hand side of (2.9) to  $\Re s = \beta$ . Lemma 1(iii) implies that this shifting is possible. The function  $\varphi(u+v-s, kf/\ell)$  has a pole at  $s = u+v-1$  only when  $kf/\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Hence we have

$$I_1(u, v; \Delta, A) = P(u, v; \Delta, A) \\ + \sum_{k \leq M} \sum_{\ell \leq M} \frac{a(k) \overline{a(\ell)}}{k\ell} \sum_{f=1}^{\ell} \xi(f; k, \ell) \varphi\left(u+v-1, \frac{f}{\ell}\right) M(u+v-1, v; \Delta), \quad (2.12)$$

where

$$P(u, v; \Delta, A) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(\beta)} \sum_{k \leq M} a(k) k^{-u-v+s} \sum_{\ell \leq M} \overline{a(\ell)} \ell^{-1} \\ \times \sum_{f=1}^{\ell} \varphi\left(u+v-s, \frac{kf}{\ell}\right) \varphi\left(s, \frac{f}{\ell}\right) M(s, v; \Delta) ds \quad (2.13)$$

and

$$\xi(f; k, \ell) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \ell | kf, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Since  $M(s, v; \Delta)$  is entire in  $v$  (by Lemma 1(i)), the expression (2.13) is valid for any  $u, v$  satisfying  $\Re(u+v) < \beta + 1$ . Hence (2.12) gives the meromorphic continuation of  $I_1(u, v; \Delta, A)$  to the region  $\Re(u+v) < \beta + 1$ . Therefore now we can put  $u = \sigma + it$ ,  $v = \sigma - it$  in (2.12), where  $1/2 < \sigma < 1$ ,  $t \geq 2$ , and  $T \ll t \ll T$ . Substituting the resulting expression and its complex conjugate into (2.4), we obtain

$$I(\sigma + it, \sigma - it; \Delta, A) = \zeta(2\sigma) \sum_{k \leq M} \sum_{\ell \leq M} \frac{a(k) \overline{a(\ell)}}{[k, \ell]^{2\sigma}} + P_{\sigma}(t; \Delta, A) + \overline{P_{\sigma}(t; \Delta, A)} \\ + \sum_{k \leq M} \sum_{\ell \leq M} \frac{a(k) \overline{a(\ell)}}{k\ell} \sum_{f=1}^{\ell} \xi(f; k, \ell) \varphi\left(2\sigma - 1, \frac{f}{\ell}\right) M(2\sigma - 1, \sigma - it; \Delta) \\ + \sum_{k \leq M} \sum_{\ell \leq M} \frac{\overline{a(k)} a(\ell)}{k\ell} \sum_{f=1}^{\ell} \overline{\xi(f; k, \ell) \varphi\left(2\sigma - 1, \frac{f}{\ell}\right)} \overline{M(2\sigma - 1, \sigma - it; \Delta)}, \quad (2.14)$$

where  $P_{\sigma}(t; \Delta, A) = P(\sigma + it, \sigma - it; \Delta, A)$ . Changing the letters  $k$  and  $\ell$  in the last member of the right-hand side, we obtain

$$I(\sigma + it, \sigma - it; \Delta, A) = P_{\sigma}(t; \Delta, A) + \overline{P_{\sigma}(t; \Delta, A)} \\ + \sum_{k \leq M} \sum_{\ell \leq M} \frac{a(k) \overline{a(\ell)}}{k\ell} H_{\sigma}(t; k, \ell) \quad (2.15)$$

for  $1/2 < \sigma < 1$ , where

$$H_{\sigma}(t; k, \ell) = \frac{k\ell}{[k, \ell]^{2\sigma}} \zeta(2\sigma) \\ + \sum_{f=1}^{\ell} \xi(f; k, \ell) \varphi\left(2\sigma - 1, \frac{f}{\ell}\right) M(2\sigma - 1, \sigma - it; \Delta) \\ + \sum_{f=1}^k \xi(f; \ell, k) \varphi\left(2\sigma - 1, -\frac{f}{k}\right) M(2\sigma - 1, \sigma + it; \Delta). \quad (2.16)$$

### 3. The case on the critical line

In this section we show an expression, analogous to (2.15), for  $\sigma = 1/2$ . Let  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2} + \delta$ , where  $\delta$  is a small positive number. Then from (2.6), noting  $\Gamma(2\delta) = (2\delta)^{-1} - \gamma + O(\delta)$ , we can easily see that

$$M(2\sigma - 1, \sigma + it; \Delta) = \frac{1}{2\delta} - B(t; \Delta) - \gamma + O(\delta),$$

where

$$B(t; \Delta) = \frac{1}{\Delta\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma} \left( \frac{1}{2} + i(t+y) \right) e^{-(y/\Delta)^2} dy$$

((3.6) and (3.7) of [5]). Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(2\sigma)[k, \ell]^{-2\sigma} &= \frac{1}{[k, \ell]} \left( \frac{1}{2\delta} - \log[k, \ell] + \gamma + O(\delta) \right), \\ \varphi(2\sigma - 1, x) &= \varphi(0, x) + 2\delta\varphi'(0, x) + O(\delta^2). \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} H_\sigma(t; k, \ell) &= \frac{k\ell}{[k, \ell]} \left( \frac{1}{2\delta} - \log[k, \ell] + \gamma + O(\delta) \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2\delta} \sum_{f=1}^{\ell} \xi(f; k, \ell) \varphi\left(0, \frac{f}{\ell}\right) + \frac{1}{2\delta} \sum_{f=1}^k \xi(f; \ell, k) \varphi\left(0, -\frac{f}{k}\right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{f=1}^{\ell} \xi(f; k, \ell) \left\{ \varphi'\left(0, \frac{f}{\ell}\right) - (B(-t, \Delta) + \gamma) \varphi\left(0, \frac{f}{\ell}\right) \right\} \\ &\quad + \sum_{f=1}^k \xi(f; \ell, k) \left\{ \varphi'\left(0, -\frac{f}{k}\right) - (B(t, \Delta) + \gamma) \varphi\left(0, -\frac{f}{k}\right) \right\} \\ &\quad + O(\delta). \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

We note that

$$\frac{k\ell}{[k, \ell]} + \sum_{f=1}^{\ell} \xi(f; k, \ell) \varphi\left(0, \frac{f}{\ell}\right) + \sum_{f=1}^k \xi(f; \ell, k) \varphi\left(0, -\frac{f}{k}\right) = 0. \tag{3.2}$$

In fact, if  $(k, \ell) = d$ , then we can write  $k = d\kappa$ ,  $\ell = d\lambda$ ,  $(\kappa, \lambda) = 1$ . Then  $\xi(f; k, \ell) = 1$  if and only if  $\ell|kf$ , that is  $\lambda|f$ . Hence, putting  $f = j\lambda$ , we have

$$\sum_{f=1}^{\ell} \xi(f; k, \ell) \varphi\left(0, \frac{f}{\ell}\right) = \sum_{j=1}^d \varphi\left(0, \frac{j}{d}\right). \tag{3.3}$$

When  $\Re s > 1$ , we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^d \varphi\left(s, \frac{j}{d}\right) = d^{1-s} \zeta(s), \tag{3.4}$$



because the left-hand side is

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{j=1}^d \exp(2\pi i n j / d) \right) n^{-s} = d \sum_{n \equiv 0 \pmod{d}} n^{-s}.$$

The relation (3.4) is valid, by analytic continuation, at  $s = 0$ . Hence from (3.3) we have

$$\sum_{f=1}^{\ell} \xi(f; k, \ell) \varphi\left(0, \frac{f}{\ell}\right) = d\zeta(0) = -\frac{d}{2} = -\frac{k\ell}{2[k, \ell]}. \quad (3.5)$$

The value of  $\sum_{f=1}^k \xi(f; \ell, k) \varphi(0, -f/k)$  is the same, hence (3.2) follows.

Therefore, letting  $\delta \rightarrow 0$  in (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\sigma}(t; k, \ell)|_{\sigma \rightarrow 1/2+0} &= \frac{k\ell}{[k, \ell]} (-\log[k, \ell] + \gamma) \\ &+ \sum_{f=1}^{\ell} \xi(f; k, \ell) \left\{ \varphi'\left(0, \frac{f}{\ell}\right) - (B(-t, \Delta) + \gamma) \varphi\left(0, \frac{f}{\ell}\right) \right\} \\ &+ \sum_{f=1}^k \xi(f; \ell, k) \left\{ \varphi'\left(0, -\frac{f}{k}\right) - (B(t, \Delta) + \gamma) \varphi\left(0, -\frac{f}{k}\right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

Differentiating the both sides of (3.4) and putting  $s = 0$ , we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^d \varphi'\left(0, \frac{j}{d}\right) = -\zeta(0)d \log d + \zeta'(0)d = \frac{1}{2}d \log d - \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi)d. \quad (3.7)$$

Using (3.5) and (3.7), we see that the right-hand side of (3.6) is

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{k\ell}{[k, \ell]} (-\log[k, \ell] + \gamma) + d \log d - \log(2\pi)d + \frac{d}{2}(B(t, \Delta) + B(-t, \Delta) + 2\gamma) \\ &= \frac{k\ell}{[k, \ell]} \left( \log \frac{(k, \ell)^2}{2\pi k\ell} + 2\gamma + \frac{1}{2}B(t, \Delta) + \frac{1}{2}B(-t, \Delta) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, using Stirling's formula we have

$$B(\pm t, \Delta) = \pm \frac{1}{2}\pi i + \log t + O\left(\frac{\Delta}{t}\right)$$

((3.9) of [5]). Hence

$$H_{\sigma}(t; k, \ell)|_{\sigma \rightarrow 1/2+0} = \frac{k\ell}{[k, \ell]} \left( \log \frac{(k, \ell)^2}{2\pi k\ell} + 2\gamma + \log t + O\left(\frac{\Delta}{t}\right) \right). \quad (3.8)$$

We let  $\sigma \rightarrow 1/2 + 0$  in (2.15), with using (3.8). The contribution of the error term on the right-hand side of (3.8) to (2.14) is  $O(\Delta t^{-1+\varepsilon})$ . To prove this estimate, it suffices to show

$$\sum_{k \leq M} \sum_{\ell \leq M} \frac{a(k)\overline{a(\ell)}}{[k, \ell]} \ll M^{\varepsilon}, \quad (3.9)$$

because  $M^\varepsilon \ll t^\varepsilon$  in view of (2.2). The left-hand side of (3.9) is

$$\begin{aligned} & \ll \sum_{k \leq M} \sum_{\ell \leq M} (k\ell)^{-1+\varepsilon} d \ll \sum_{d \leq M} d \sum_{\kappa \leq M/d} \sum_{\lambda \leq M/d} (\kappa\lambda d^2)^{-1+\varepsilon} \\ & \ll \sum_{d \leq M} d^{-1+\varepsilon} \left(\frac{M}{d}\right)^\varepsilon \ll M^\varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

hence (3.9) follows. Therefore now we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I\left(\frac{1}{2} + it, \frac{1}{2} - it; \Delta, A\right) &= P_{1/2}(t; \Delta, A) + \overline{P_{1/2}(t; \Delta, A)} \\ &+ \sum_{k \leq M} \sum_{\ell \leq M} \frac{a(k)\overline{a(\ell)}}{[k, \ell]} \left( \log \frac{(k, \ell)^2 t}{2\pi k\ell} + 2\gamma \right) + O(\Delta t^{-1+\varepsilon}). \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

#### 4. The weighted mean square

Now we go back to the integral (2.3), and continue it meromorphically by a different method. At first assume  $\Re u > 1$  and  $\Re v > 1$ . Let  $K > \max\{1, \Re v - 1\}$ , and shift the path of integration on the right-hand side of (2.3) to  $\Im y = -K$ . The residue at  $y = i(1 - v)$  appears. The resulting expression

$$\begin{aligned} I(u, v; \Delta, A) &= \frac{2\sqrt{\pi}}{\Delta} \zeta(u + v - 1) A(u + v - 1) \bar{A}(1) e^{(v-1)^2/\Delta^2} \\ &+ \frac{1}{\Delta\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{\Im y = -K} \zeta(u + iy) \zeta(v - iy) A(u + iy) \bar{A}(v - iy) e^{-(y/\Delta)^2} dy \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

can be continued meromorphically to the region  $\Re u > -K + 1$ ,  $\Re v < K + 1$ , which includes  $\mathcal{D} = \{(u, v) \mid 0 < \Re u < 1, 0 < \Re v < 1\}$ .

Now assume  $(u, v) \in \mathcal{D}$ , and shift back the path of integration on the right-hand side of (4.1) to  $\Im y = 0$ . This time the residue at  $y = i(u - 1)$  appears, and

$$\begin{aligned} I(u, v; \Delta, A) &= \frac{2\sqrt{\pi}}{\Delta} \zeta(u + v - 1) \left\{ A(u + v - 1) \bar{A}(1) e^{(v-1)^2/\Delta^2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + A(1) \bar{A}(u + v - 1) e^{(u-1)^2/\Delta^2} \right\} \\ &+ \frac{1}{\Delta\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \zeta(u + iy) \zeta(v - iy) A(u + iy) \bar{A}(v - iy) e^{-(y/\Delta)^2} dy \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

for  $(u, v) \in \mathcal{D}$ . In particular, we can now put  $u = \sigma + it$ ,  $v = \sigma - it$ , where  $1/2 \leq \sigma < 1$ ,  $t \geq 2$  and  $T \ll t \ll T$ , in (4.2). Then

$$\begin{aligned} I(\sigma + it, \sigma - it; \Delta, A) &= J_\sigma(t; \Delta, A) \\ &+ \frac{2\sqrt{\pi}}{\Delta} \zeta(2\sigma - 1) \{ A(2\sigma - 1) \bar{A}(1) \exp((\sigma - 1 - it)^2/\Delta^2) \\ &+ A(1) \bar{A}(2\sigma - 1) \exp((\sigma - 1 + it)^2/\Delta^2) \}, \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

where

$$J_\sigma(t; \Delta, A) = \frac{1}{\Delta\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\zeta(\sigma + i(t+y))A(\sigma + i(t+y))|^2 e^{-(y/\Delta)^2} dy.$$

Since  $\Delta \leq T/A_0L$  by (2.1), the second member on the right-hand side of (4.3) is

$$\ll M^{1+\varepsilon} \Delta^{-1} e^{-C_1 L^2} \ll T^{-C_2},$$

where  $C_1, C_2$  are positive constants. Since we assume (2.2), if  $A_0$  is sufficiently large, then  $C_1, C_2$  are also large. Therefore

$$I(\sigma + it, \sigma - it; \Delta, A) = J_\sigma(t; \Delta, A) + O(T^{-C_2}) \quad (4.4)$$

with a large  $C_2$  for  $1/2 \leq \sigma < 1$ .

Now, combining (4.4) with the results proved in Sections 2 and 3, we obtain the following expressions of  $J_\sigma(t; \Delta, A)$ , which are fundamental in our analysis. First, in the case  $\sigma = 1/2$ , from (3.10) and (4.4) we immediately obtain the following

LEMMA 2. For  $T \ll t \ll T$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_{1/2}(t; \Delta, A) &= \sum_{k \leq M} \sum_{\ell \leq M} \frac{a(k)\overline{a(\ell)}}{[k, \ell]} \left( \log \frac{(k, \ell)^2 t}{2\pi k \ell} + 2\gamma \right) \\ &\quad + P_{1/2}(t; \Delta, A) + \overline{P_{1/2}(t; \Delta, A)} + O(\Delta T^{-1+\varepsilon}). \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

Next consider the case  $1/2 < \sigma < 1$ . Since

$$\sum_{f=1}^{\ell} \xi(f; k, \ell) \varphi\left(2\sigma - 1, \frac{f}{\ell}\right) = \sum_{j=1}^d \varphi\left(2\sigma - 1, \frac{j}{d}\right) = d^{2-2\sigma} \zeta(2\sigma - 1)$$

by (3.4), we can rewrite (2.16) as

$$\begin{aligned} H_\sigma(t; k, \ell) &= \frac{k\ell}{[k, \ell]^{2\sigma}} \zeta(2\sigma) \\ &\quad + d^{2-2\sigma} \zeta(2\sigma - 1) \{M(2\sigma - 1, \sigma - it; \Delta) + M(2\sigma - 1, \sigma + it; \Delta)\}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

It has been shown in the proof of Lemma 1 of [5] that

$$M(2\sigma - 1, \sigma - it; \Delta) + M(2\sigma - 1, \sigma + it; \Delta) = 2\Gamma(2\sigma - 1) \left\{ t^{1-2\sigma} \sin(\pi\sigma) + O\left(\frac{\Delta}{t^{2\sigma}}\right) \right\},$$

and the functional equation for  $\zeta(s)$  implies

$$2\Gamma(2\sigma - 1) \zeta(2\sigma - 1) \sin(\pi\sigma) = (2\pi)^{2\sigma-1} \zeta(2 - 2\sigma).$$

Hence from (4.6) we have

$$\begin{aligned} H_\sigma(t; k, \ell) &= \frac{k\ell}{[k, \ell]^{2\sigma}} \zeta(2\sigma) + d^{2-2\sigma} (2\pi)^{2\sigma-1} \zeta(2 - 2\sigma) t^{1-2\sigma} \\ &\quad + O\left(d^{2-2\sigma} \frac{\Delta}{t^{2\sigma}}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (4.7)$$

Substitute this into the right-hand side of (2.15), and combine with (4.4). By using (3.9) we see that the contribution of the error term on the right-hand side of (4.7) is  $O(\Delta t^{-2\sigma+\varepsilon})$ . Hence we obtain

LEMMA 3. For  $1/2 < \sigma < 1$  and  $T \ll t \ll T$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_\sigma(t; \Delta, A) &= \sum_{k \leq M} \sum_{\ell \leq M} \frac{a(k)\overline{a(\ell)}}{[k, \ell]^{2\sigma}} \zeta(2\sigma) \\ &\quad + \sum_{k \leq M} \sum_{\ell \leq M} \frac{a(k)\overline{a(\ell)}}{k\ell} (k, \ell)^{2-2\sigma} (2\pi)^{2\sigma-1} \zeta(2-2\sigma) t^{1-2\sigma} \\ &\quad + P_\sigma(t; \Delta, A) + \overline{P_\sigma(t; \Delta, A)} + O(\Delta T^{-2\sigma+\varepsilon}). \end{aligned} \quad (4.8)$$

We can connect  $J_\sigma(t; \Delta, A)$  with the mean square of  $\zeta(\sigma + it)A(\sigma + it)$  by the following inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{T-L\Delta}^{2T+L\Delta} J_\sigma(t; \Delta, A) dt &\geq \int_T^{2T} |\zeta(\sigma + it)A(\sigma + it)|^2 dt \\ &\quad + O(M^{2(1-\sigma)+\varepsilon} T^{2(1-\sigma)/3+1} e^{-L^2}) \end{aligned} \quad (4.9)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{T+L\Delta}^{2T-L\Delta} J_\sigma(t; \Delta, A) dt &\leq \int_T^{2T} |\zeta(\sigma + it)A(\sigma + it)|^2 dt \\ &\quad + O(M^{2(1-\sigma)+\varepsilon} T^{2(1-\sigma)/3+1} e^{-L^2}) \end{aligned} \quad (4.10)$$

for  $1/2 \leq \sigma < 1$ . These can be proved analogously to Lemma 3 of [5], so we omit the details of the proof. We only note that, instead of (4.6) of [5], we use the bound (1.16) to obtain the above error estimates.

On the other hand, from Lemma 2 we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{T \mp L\Delta}^{2T \pm L\Delta} J_{1/2}(t; \Delta, A) dt \\ &= \sum_{k \leq M} \sum_{\ell \leq M} \frac{a(k)\overline{a(\ell)}}{[k, \ell]} \left( \log \frac{(k, \ell)^2 t}{2\pi k\ell} + 2\gamma - 1 \right) t \Big|_{t=T \mp L\Delta}^{2T \pm L\Delta} \\ &\quad + \int_{T \mp L\Delta}^{2T \pm L\Delta} (P_{1/2}(t; \Delta, A) + \overline{P_{1/2}(t; \Delta, A)}) dt + O(\Delta T^\varepsilon) \\ &= \sum_{k \leq M} \sum_{\ell \leq M} \frac{a(k)\overline{a(\ell)}}{[k, \ell]} \left\{ \left( \log \frac{(k, \ell)^2 t}{2\pi k\ell} + 2\gamma - 1 \right) t \Big|_{t=T}^{2T} + O(L\Delta \log T) \right\} \\ &\quad + \int_{T \mp L\Delta}^{2T \pm L\Delta} (P_{1/2}(t; \Delta, A) + \overline{P_{1/2}(t; \Delta, A)}) dt + O(\Delta T^\varepsilon). \end{aligned}$$

Comparing this with (1.2), we obtain the case  $\sigma = 1/2$  of

$$\begin{aligned} E_\sigma(2T, A) - E_\sigma(T, A) &= \int_T^{2T} |\zeta(\sigma + it)A(\sigma + it)|^2 dt \\ &\quad - \int_{T \mp L\Delta}^{2T \pm L\Delta} J_\sigma(t; \Delta, A) dt + \int_{T \mp L\Delta}^{2T \pm L\Delta} (P_\sigma(t; \Delta, A) + \overline{P_\sigma(t; \Delta, A)}) dt \\ &\quad + O(L\Delta(T^\varepsilon)^\omega), \end{aligned} \quad (4.11)$$

where  $E_{1/2}(T, A) = E(T, A)$  and  $\omega = 1$  or  $0$  according as  $\sigma = 1/2$  or  $1/2 < \sigma < 1$ . The case  $1/2 < \sigma < 1$  can be shown similarly from Lemma 3 and (1.11). It is an analogue of (4.8) and (4.9) of [5]. Combining (4.11) with (4.9) and (4.10), again similarly to [5], we obtain

LEMMA 4. For  $1/2 \leq \sigma < 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |E_\sigma(2T, A) - E_\sigma(T, A)| &\leq \left| \int_{T-L\Delta}^{2T+L\Delta} (P_\sigma(t; \Delta, A) + \overline{P_\sigma(t; \Delta, A)}) dt \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \int_{T+L\Delta}^{2T-L\Delta} (P_\sigma(t; \Delta, A) + \overline{P_\sigma(t; \Delta, A)}) dt \right| + O(L\Delta(T^\varepsilon)^\omega). \end{aligned} \quad (4.12)$$

Therefore, now our problem is reduced to the evaluation of the integral

$$\int_{T'}^{T''} (P_\sigma(t; \Delta, A) + \overline{P_\sigma(t; \Delta, A)}) dt, \quad (4.13)$$

where  $T' = T \mp L\Delta$  and  $T'' = 2T \pm L\Delta$ . Since  $A_0$  is sufficiently large (see (2.1)), we see that  $T \ll T' \ll T, T \ll T'' \ll T$ .

## 5. An infinite series expression of $P_\sigma(t; \Delta, A)$

Let  $1/2 \leq \sigma < 1$ . From (2.13) we have

$$\begin{aligned} P_\sigma(t; \Delta, A) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(\beta)} \sum_{k \leq M} a(k) k^{-2\sigma+s} \sum_{\ell \leq M} \overline{a(\ell)} \ell^{-1} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{f=1}^{\ell} \varphi\left(2\sigma - s, \frac{kf}{\ell}\right) \varphi\left(s, \frac{f}{\ell}\right) M(s, \sigma - it; \Delta) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (5.1)$$

We rewrite the factor  $\varphi(2\sigma - s, kf/\ell)$  by using the functional equation, that is (2.11) if  $kf/\ell \notin \mathbb{Z}$ , and

$$\zeta(2\sigma - s) = 2^{2\sigma-s} \pi^{-1+2\sigma-s} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}(1 - 2\sigma + s)\right) \Gamma(1 - 2\sigma + s) \zeta(1 - 2\sigma + s)$$

if  $kf/\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}
P_\sigma(t; \Delta, A) = & \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(\beta)} \sum_{k \leq M} a(k) k^{-2\sigma+s} \sum_{\ell \leq M} \overline{a(\ell)} \ell^{-1} (2\pi)^{-1+2\sigma-s} \Gamma(1-2\sigma+s) \\
& \times \left\{ 2 \sum_{j=1}^d \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}(1-2\sigma+s)\right) \zeta(1-2\sigma+s) \varphi\left(s, \frac{j}{d}\right) \right. \\
& + \sum_f^* \left( e\left(\frac{1-2\sigma+s}{4} - \frac{kf}{\ell}\right) \zeta\left(1-2\sigma+s, \frac{\{kf\}_\ell}{\ell}\right) \right. \\
& + \left. e\left(-\frac{1-2\sigma+s}{4} - \frac{kf}{\ell}\right) \zeta\left(1-2\sigma+s, \frac{\{-kf\}_\ell}{\ell}\right) \right) \varphi\left(s, \frac{f}{\ell}\right) \Big\} \\
& \times M(s, \sigma - it; \Delta) ds, \tag{5.2}
\end{aligned}$$

where the summation  $\sum^*$  runs over all  $f$  satisfying  $1 \leq f \leq \ell$  and  $f \not\equiv 0 \pmod{\lambda}$ , and  $\{x\}_\ell$  means the integer determined uniquely by  $\{x\}_\ell \equiv x \pmod{\ell}$ ,  $0 < \{x\}_\ell < \ell$ .

From the assumption  $\beta > 2$  it follows that  $\Re(1-2\sigma+s) > 1$ , hence the zeta factors on the right-hand side can be written down as Dirichlet series. Let

$$\sigma_a(n; x) = \sum_{m|n} e^{2\pi i m x} m^a$$

and

$$\sigma_a(n; x, \ell, b) = \sum_{\substack{m|n \\ n/m \equiv b \pmod{\ell}}} e^{2\pi i m x} m^a,$$

where  $a, x$  are real numbers and  $n, \ell, b$  are positive integers. We see that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \zeta(1-2\sigma+s, b/\ell) \varphi(s, x) \\
& = \ell^{1-2\sigma+s} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq k < \infty \\ k \equiv b \pmod{\ell}}} k^{-1+2\sigma-s} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} e^{2\pi i m x} m^{1-2\sigma} m^{-1+2\sigma-s} \\
& = \ell^{1-2\sigma+s} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n; x, \ell, b) n^{-1+2\sigma-s}, \tag{5.3}
\end{aligned}$$

and especially

$$\zeta(1-2\sigma+s) \varphi(s, x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n; x) n^{-1+2\sigma-s}. \tag{5.4}$$

Applying (5.3), (5.4), and the formula

$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}(1-2\sigma+s)\right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( e\left(\frac{1-2\sigma+s}{4}\right) + e\left(-\frac{1-2\sigma+s}{4}\right) \right)$$

to (5.2), and changing the order of integration and summation (which can be verified by absolute convergence), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
P_\sigma(t; \Delta, A) &= \sum_{k \leq M} \sum_{\ell \leq M} \frac{a(k) \overline{a(\ell)}}{k\ell} \\
&\times \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^d \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{1-2\sigma} \left( n; \frac{j}{d} \right) (Q_\sigma^+(t; n, k) + Q_\sigma^-(t; n, k)) \right. \\
&+ \sum_f^* e \left( -\frac{kf}{\ell} \right) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{1-2\sigma} \left( n; \frac{f}{\ell}, \ell, \{kf\}_\ell \right) Q_\sigma^-(t; n, k\ell) \\
&\left. + \sum_f^* e \left( -\frac{kf}{\ell} \right) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{1-2\sigma} \left( n; \frac{f}{\ell}, \ell, \{-kf\}_\ell \right) Q_\sigma^+(t; n, k\ell) \right\}, \quad (5.5)
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
Q_\sigma^\pm(t; n, q) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(\beta)} e \left( \mp \frac{1-2\sigma+s}{4} \right) \Gamma(1-2\sigma+s) \\
&\times \left( \frac{q}{2\pi n} \right)^{1-2\sigma+s} M(s, \sigma - it; \Delta) ds. \quad (5.6)
\end{aligned}$$

The above (5.5) is the analogue of (5.1) of [5]. (The condition  $\sigma < (\beta + 1)/2$  stated there is to be read as  $\sigma < \beta/2$ .)

Define

$$S_\sigma(n; k, \ell) = \sum_{\mu|n}^\# \mu^{2\sigma-1} e(\mu/\lambda),$$

where the summation  $\sum^\#$  runs over all positive integer  $\mu$  satisfying  $\mu|n$ ,  $\mu^{-1}n \equiv k \pmod{d}$  and  $\mu \not\equiv 0 \pmod{\lambda}$ . Then from (5.5) we can show the following

LEMMA 5. For  $1/2 \leq \sigma < 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
P_\sigma(t; \Delta, A) &= \sum_{k \leq M} \sum_{\ell \leq M} \frac{a(k) \overline{a(\ell)}}{[k, \ell]} \\
&\times \left\{ d^{1-2\sigma} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) (Q_\sigma^+(t; dn, k) + Q_\sigma^-(t; dn, k)) \right. \\
&+ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{1-2\sigma} e \left( \frac{n\bar{k}}{d\lambda} \right) \overline{S_\sigma(n; k, \ell)} Q_\sigma^-(t; dn, k\ell) \\
&\left. + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{1-2\sigma} e \left( -\frac{n\bar{k}}{d\lambda} \right) S_\sigma(n; k, \ell) Q_\sigma^+(t; dn, k\ell) \right\}, \quad (5.7)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) = \sum_{m|n} m^{1-2\sigma}$  and  $\bar{k}$  is determined by  $\kappa\bar{k} \equiv 1 \pmod{\lambda}$ .

*Proof.* We first note that

$$\sum_{j=1}^d \sigma_{1-2\sigma} \left( n; \frac{j}{d} \right) = \sum_{m|n} m^{1-2\sigma} \sum_{j=1}^d e^{2\pi i m j / d} = d \sum_{\substack{m|n \\ m \equiv 0 \pmod{d}}} m^{1-2\sigma}$$

vanishes unless  $d|n$ . If  $d|n$ , putting  $n = dv$  and  $m = d\mu$ , we find that the above is

$$= d \sum_{\mu|v} (d\mu)^{1-2\sigma} = d^{2-2\sigma} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(v).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=1}^d \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{1-2\sigma} \left( n; \frac{j}{d} \right) (Q_{\sigma}^{+}(t; n, k) + Q_{\sigma}^{-}(t; n, k)) \\ &= \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} d^{2-2\sigma} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(v) (Q_{\sigma}^{+}(t; dv, k) + Q_{\sigma}^{-}(t; dv, k)). \end{aligned} \quad (5.8)$$

Next consider

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_f^* e \left( -\frac{kf}{\ell} \right) \sigma_{1-2\sigma} \left( n; \frac{f}{\ell}, \ell, \{kf\}_{\ell} \right) \\ &= \sum_f^* e \left( -\frac{kf}{\ell} \right) \sum_{\substack{m|n \\ m \equiv kf \pmod{\ell}}} e \left( \frac{nf}{m\ell} \right) \left( \frac{n}{m} \right)^{1-2\sigma}. \end{aligned} \quad (5.9)$$

The condition  $m \equiv kf \pmod{\ell}$  implies  $d|m$ , hence the above double sum vanishes unless  $d|n$ . If  $d|n$ , we write  $n = dv$ ,  $m = d\mu$  to obtain that the right-hand side of (5.9) is

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_f^* e \left( -\frac{kf}{\ell} \right) \sum_{\substack{\mu|v \\ \mu \equiv kf \pmod{\ell}}} e \left( \frac{vf}{\mu\ell} \right) \left( \frac{v}{\mu} \right)^{1-2\sigma} \\ &= v^{1-2\sigma} \sum_{\mu|v} \mu^{2\sigma-1} \sum_f^{**} e \left( \left( \frac{v}{\mu} - k \right) \frac{f}{\ell} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (5.10)$$

where  $\sum^{**}$  runs over all  $f$  such that  $1 \leq f \leq \ell$ ,  $f \not\equiv 0 \pmod{\lambda}$ , and  $f \equiv \mu\bar{k} \pmod{\lambda}$ .

From these conditions it follows that  $\mu \not\equiv 0 \pmod{\lambda}$ . We see that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_f^{**} e \left( \left( \frac{v}{\mu} - k \right) \frac{f}{\ell} \right) &= \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} e \left( \left( \frac{v}{\mu} - k \right) \frac{\{\mu\bar{k}\}_{\lambda} + j\lambda}{\ell} \right) \\ &= e \left( \left( \frac{v}{\mu} - k \right) \frac{\{\mu\bar{k}\}_{\lambda}}{\ell} \right) \times \begin{cases} d & \text{if } d | (\mu^{-1}v - k), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$



Hence the right-hand side of (5.10) is

$$\begin{aligned}
&= dv^{1-2\sigma} \sum_{\mu|v}^{\#} \mu^{2\sigma-1} e\left(\left(\frac{v}{\mu} - k\right) \frac{\{\mu\bar{\kappa}\}_{\lambda}}{d\lambda}\right) \\
&= dv^{1-2\sigma} \sum_{\mu|v}^{\#} \mu^{2\sigma-1} e\left(\left(\frac{v}{\mu} - k\right) \frac{\mu\bar{\kappa}}{d\lambda}\right) \\
&= dv^{1-2\sigma} e\left(\frac{v\bar{\kappa}}{d\lambda}\right) \overline{S_{\sigma}(v; k, \ell)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_f^* e\left(-\frac{kf}{\ell}\right) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}\left(n; \frac{f}{\ell}, \ell, \{kf\}_{\ell}\right) Q_{\sigma}^{-}(t; n, k\ell) \\
&= d \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} v^{1-2\sigma} e\left(\frac{v\bar{\kappa}}{d\lambda}\right) \overline{S_{\sigma}(v; k, \ell)} Q_{\sigma}^{-}(t; dv, k\ell),
\end{aligned}$$

and similarly we can show that the last double sum in the curly parenthesis on the right-hand side of (5.5) is equal to

$$d \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} v^{1-2\sigma} e\left(-\frac{v\bar{\kappa}}{d\lambda}\right) S_{\sigma}(v; k, \ell) Q_{\sigma}^{+}(t; dv, k\ell).$$

Substituting these formulas and (5.8) into (5.5), and using  $d/k\ell = [k, \ell]^{-1}$ , we arrive at the assertion of Lemma 5.

## 6. Completion of the proof

Now we evaluate the integral (4.13) by using Lemma 5. Since

$$\left| n^{1-2\sigma} e\left(-\frac{n\bar{\kappa}}{d\lambda}\right) S_{\sigma}(n; k, \ell) \right| \leq n^{1-2\sigma} \sum_{\mu|n} \mu^{2\sigma-1} = \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n), \quad (6.1)$$

from Lemma 5 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_{T'}^{T''} P_{\sigma}(t; \Delta, A) dt \ll \sum_{k \leq M} \sum_{\ell \leq M} (k\ell)^{-1+\varepsilon} d \\
&\times \left\{ d^{1-2\sigma} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) \left( \left| \int_{T'}^{T''} Q_{\sigma}^{+}(t; dn, k) dt \right| + \left| \int_{T'}^{T''} Q_{\sigma}^{-}(t; dn, k) dt \right| \right) \right. \\
&\left. + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) \left( \left| \int_{T'}^{T''} Q_{\sigma}^{+}(t; dn, k\ell) dt \right| + \left| \int_{T'}^{T''} Q_{\sigma}^{-}(t; dn, k\ell) dt \right| \right) \right\}. \quad (6.2)
\end{aligned}$$

The quantity  $Q_{\sigma}^{\pm}(t; n, q)$ , defined by (5.6), is exactly the same as  $Q_{\sigma}^{\pm}(t; n, q)$  introduced in Section 5 of [5] and studied in Sections 6, 7 and 8 of [5]. In Section 6 of [5], by

using Lemma 1(ii), it is shown that

$$\int_{T'}^{T''} Q_{\sigma}^{+}(t; n, q) dt = \frac{1}{i} \int_0^{\infty} h_{\sigma}^{+}(y; n, q) dy \quad (6.3)$$

and

$$\int_{T'}^{T''} Q_{\sigma}^{-}(t; n, q) dt = \frac{1}{i} \int_0^{\infty} \overline{h_{\sigma}^{-}(y; n, q)} dy, \quad (6.4)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} h_{\sigma}^{\pm}(y; n, q) &= \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{4}\Delta^2 \log^2(1+y^{-1})\right)}{y^{\sigma}(1+y)^{\sigma} \log(1+y^{-1})} \\ &\times \left\{ e\left(\frac{\pm T''}{2\pi} \log(1+y^{-1})\right) - e\left(\frac{\pm T'}{2\pi} \log(1+y^{-1})\right) \right\} e(-ny/q) \end{aligned} \quad (6.5)$$

(see (6.3) and (8.2) of [5]). Let  $N \gg qTL^2\Delta^{-2}$ . Then Lemma 7 of [5] implies

$$\sum_{n>N} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) \left| \int_{T'}^{T''} Q_{\sigma}^{\pm}(t; n, q) dt \right| \ll q^{1+\sigma+\varepsilon} e^{-AT} + (qT)^{-C_3}, \quad (6.6)$$

where  $A$  is a positive constant and  $C_3$  is a large positive constant. The remaining part  $n \leq N$  has been discussed in Section 8 of [5]. From Lemma 8 of [5] (and its proof) we have

$$\sum_{n \leq N} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) \left| \int_0^{L^{-1}\Delta} h_{\sigma}^{\pm}(y; n, q) dy \right| \ll e^{-AL^2} NT (\log N \log T)^{\omega}, \quad (6.7)$$

where  $A$  is a positive constant and  $\omega$  is as in Section 4. Also we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{L^{-1}\Delta}^{\infty} h_{\sigma}^{\pm}(y; n, q) dy \\ &\ll (L^{-1}\Delta)^{1-2\sigma} \left\{ \frac{q}{n} \left( 1 + \left( \frac{nT}{q} \right)^{1/4} \right) + \Delta^{3/2} L^{1/2} T^{-1/2} \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (6.8)$$

if  $n \leq qT_1 L^2 \Delta^{-2}$  ((8.17) of [5]).

By  $k^*$  we denote  $k$  or  $k\ell$ . From (5.6) it follows that  $Q_{\sigma}^{\pm}(t; dn, k^*) = Q_{\sigma}^{\pm}(t; n, d^{-1}k^*)$ .

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) \left| \int_{T'}^{T''} Q_{\sigma}^{\pm}(t; dn, k^*) dt \right| &\leq \sum_{n>N^*} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) \left| \int_{T'}^{T''} Q_{\sigma}^{\pm}(t; n, d^{-1}k^*) dt \right| \\ &\quad + \sum_{n \leq N^*} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) \left| \int_0^{L^{-1}\Delta} h_{\sigma}^{\pm}(y; n, d^{-1}k^*) dy \right| \\ &\quad + \sum_{n \leq N^*} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) \left| \int_{L^{-1}\Delta}^{\infty} h_{\sigma}^{\pm}(y; n, d^{-1}k^*) dy \right| \\ &= \Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2 + \Sigma_3, \end{aligned} \quad (6.9)$$

say, where  $N^* = d^{-1}k^*T_1L^2\Delta^{-2}$ .

Applying (6.8), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\Sigma_3 &\ll \sum_{n \leq N^*} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) (L^{-1}\Delta)^{1-2\sigma} \left\{ \frac{k^*}{nd} \left(1 + \frac{ndT}{k^*}\right)^{1/4} + \Delta^{3/2} L^{1/2} T^{-1/2} \right\} \\
&\ll (L^{-1}\Delta)^{1-2\sigma} \left\{ \sum_{n \leq N^*} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) \left( \frac{k^*}{nd} + \left( \frac{k^*}{nd} \right)^{3/4} T^{1/4} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \Delta^{3/2} L^{1/2} T^{-1/2} \sum_{n \leq N^*} \sigma_{1-2\sigma}(n) \right\} \\
&\ll \Delta^{1-2\sigma} \left\{ \frac{k^*}{d} + \left( \frac{k^*}{d} \right)^{3/4} (TN^*)^{1/4} + \Delta^{3/2} T^{-1/2} N^* \right\} T^\varepsilon \\
&\ll \frac{k^*}{d} \Delta^{1/2-2\sigma} T^{1/2+\varepsilon},
\end{aligned}$$

hence the contribution of  $\Sigma_3$  to the right-hand side of (6.2) is

$$\ll \sum_{k \leq M} \sum_{\ell \leq M} (k\ell)^{-1+\varepsilon} k^* \Delta^{1/2-2\sigma} T^{1/2+\varepsilon} \ll M^2 \Delta^{1/2-2\sigma} T^{1/2+\varepsilon}.$$

Using (6.6) and (6.7) we can see that the contributions of  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$  are negligible. Hence

$$\int_{T'}^{T''} P_\sigma(t; \Delta, A) dt \ll M^2 \Delta^{1/2-2\sigma} T^{1/2+\varepsilon}. \quad (6.10)$$

Combining (6.10) with Lemma 4, we obtain

$$|E_\sigma(2T, A) - E_\sigma(T, A)| \ll M^2 \Delta^{1/2-2\sigma} T^{1/2+\varepsilon} + L \Delta (T^\varepsilon)^\omega \quad (6.11)$$

for  $1/2 \leq \sigma < 1$ .

Recall that we assume (2.2) to obtain (6.11). The inequality  $M \leq (2^{-j}T)^b$  is valid for  $0 \leq j \leq j_1$ , where  $j_1 = [\log(M^{-1/b}T)/\log 2]$ . Let

$$\Delta_j = (\max\{2^{-cj}M, T_j^\varepsilon\})^\mu T_j^\rho \quad (0 \leq j \leq j_1),$$

where  $T_j = 2^{-j}T$  and  $c > 0$ . Note that  $2^{-cj}M \leq T_j^\varepsilon$  for  $j > j_2$ , where  $j_2 = [\log(MT^{-\varepsilon})/(c - \varepsilon)\log 2]$ . We prove that, if we choose  $c$  suitably, then there exists a constant  $C_0 > 0$  such that

$$L_j \leq \Delta_j \leq \frac{T_j}{A_0 L_j} \quad (6.12)$$

for  $T_j \geq C_0$ , where  $L_j = A_0(\log T_j)^{1/2}$ . In fact, we see that  $\Delta_j \geq T_j^{\mu\varepsilon+\rho} \gg L_j$ , which yields the first inequality of (6.12). Since  $\rho < 1$ , it is clear that

$$T_j^{\mu\varepsilon+\rho} \ll \frac{T_j}{L_j}.$$

Next, if  $\mu > 0$ , we choose  $c$  for which  $c\mu + \rho = 1$  holds, then

$$(2^{-cj}M)^\mu T_j^\rho = 2^{-(c\mu+\rho)j} M^\mu T^\rho = 2^{-j} M^\mu T^\rho \leq \frac{2^{-j}T}{A_0L} \leq \frac{T_j}{A_0L_j}$$

by (1.7). If  $\mu = 0$ , then clearly

$$(2^{-cj}M)^\mu T_j^\rho = T_j^\rho \ll \frac{T_j}{L_j}$$

because  $\rho < 1$ . Hence the second inequality of (6.12) follows.

Let  $j_3$  be the largest integer for which  $2^{-j_3}T \geq C_0$  holds, and put  $j_0 = \min\{j_1, j_3\}$ . Then (6.12) implies that (2.1) and (2.2) are valid for  $T_j$  and  $\Delta_j$  ( $0 \leq j \leq j_0$ ) instead of  $T$  and  $\Delta$ , respectively. Hence we may replace  $T$  and  $\Delta$  in (6.11) by  $T_j$  and  $\Delta_j$  respectively to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & |E_\sigma(T_{j-1}, A) - E_\sigma(T_j, A)| \\ & \ll M^{2+\mu(1/2-2\sigma)} (2^{-j})^{(c\mu+\rho)(1/2-2\sigma)+1/2+\varepsilon} T^{f(\sigma,\rho)+\varepsilon} \\ & \quad + L_j M^\mu (2^{-j})^{c\mu+\rho+\varepsilon\omega} T^{\rho+\varepsilon\omega} \end{aligned} \quad (6.13)$$

if  $\mu > 0$  and  $1 \leq j \leq \min\{j_0, j_2\}$ , and

$$\ll M^2 (2^{-j})^{f(\sigma,\rho)+\varepsilon} T^{f(\sigma,\rho)+\varepsilon} + L_j (2^{-j})^{\rho+\varepsilon} T^{\rho+\varepsilon} \quad (6.14)$$

if  $\mu > 0$  and  $j_2 < j \leq j_0$ , or if  $\mu = 0$ .

We sum up these inequalities for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, j_0$ . In case  $\mu > 0$ , noting  $c\mu + \rho = 1$ ,  $f(\sigma, \rho) > 0$  and  $M^{-1/c}T^\varepsilon \ll 2^{-j_2} \ll M^{-1/c}T^\varepsilon$ , we find that

$$\begin{aligned} & |E_\sigma(T, A) - E_\sigma(T_{j_0}, A)| \\ & \ll M^{2+\mu(1/2-2\sigma)} T^{f(\sigma,\rho)+\varepsilon} \sum_{j=1}^{j_2} (2^{-j})^{1-2\sigma+\varepsilon} + M^\mu T^{\rho+\varepsilon\omega} L \sum_{j=1}^{j_2} (2^{-j})^{1+\varepsilon\omega} \\ & \quad + M^2 T^{f(\sigma,\rho)+\varepsilon} \sum_{j=j_2+1}^{j_0} (2^{-j})^{f(\sigma,\rho)+\varepsilon} + T^{\rho+\varepsilon} \sum_{j=j_2+1}^{j_0} (2^{-j})^{\rho+\varepsilon} \\ & \ll M^{2+\mu(1/2-2\sigma)+c^{-1}(2\sigma-1)} T^{f(\sigma,\rho)+\varepsilon} + M^\mu T^{\rho+\varepsilon} \\ & \quad + M^{2-c^{-1}f(\sigma,\rho)} T^{f(\sigma,\rho)+\varepsilon} + M^{-c^{-1}\rho} T^{\rho+\varepsilon}, \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$|E_\sigma(T, A) - E_\sigma(T_{j_0}, A)| \ll M^{2-(1-\rho)^{-1}\mu f(\sigma,\rho)} T^{f(\sigma,\rho)+\varepsilon} + M^\mu T^{\rho+\varepsilon}, \quad (6.15)$$

because

$$\mu \left( \frac{1}{2} - 2\sigma \right) + \frac{2\sigma - 1}{c} = -\frac{f(\sigma, \rho)}{c} = -\frac{\mu f(\sigma, \rho)}{1 - \rho}.$$

From (6.14) we can easily see that (6.15) is also valid in case  $\mu = 0$ .

On the other hand, if  $j_0 = j_1$ , from Remark 2 in Section 1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} |E_\sigma(T_{j_0}, A)| &\ll M^{2-(1-\rho)^{-1}\mu f(\sigma, \rho)} T_{j_0}^{f(\sigma, \rho)+\varepsilon} + M^\mu T_{j_0}^{\rho+\varepsilon} \\ &\ll M^{2-(1-\rho)^{-1}\mu f(\sigma, \rho)} T^{f(\sigma, \rho)+\varepsilon} + M^\mu T^{\rho+\varepsilon}. \end{aligned} \quad (6.16)$$

If  $j_0 = j_3$ , then  $T_{j_0} \ll 1$ . Hence (1.15) is valid for  $M \gg 1$ , and in this case (6.16) again follows from Remark 2. If  $T_{j_0} \ll 1$  and  $M \ll 1$  then  $E_\sigma(T_{j_0}, A)$  is clearly bounded. Hence (6.16) is true in all the cases. Combining (6.15) and (6.16), we obtain the assertions of Theorems 1 and 2.

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